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From: Reverend Marian Patience Harvey, RN/BSN Health Educator/Terminal Midwife  
Re: Public Comments/Title 327 Water Pollution Control Board/CAFO Rules

Thank you for accepting public comment concerning rulemaking for manure disposal by Confined Animal Feeding Operations. It is essential that public hearings and continued public comment periods continue.

Increasing public awareness concerning the dire consequences of industrialized animal food production demand petitioning for protection for the earth, the animals and our own wellbeing.

Confinement operators must accept responsibility for the inevitable toxic damage of housing large numbers of animals indoors. Any confined animal operation no matter what size must be included in this program.

All operators should submit manure application at least twice a year, indentifying sites in January and, in December, reporting where, when and how much was applied. No manure should be applied on acreage with phosphorus level >200ppm. Application of manure on frozen/snow covered/saturated ground is blatant irresponsibility and must be prohibited.

Setbacks from property lines and public roads are not sufficient. They must be determined to protect earth, animals and people, not business interests. Suitable buffering boundaries must be determined with earth friendly professionals such as IndianaCafowatch, and the people living nearby, not industry.

Persons proposing ownership of confined feeding operations by transfer of facilities should be required to meet "good character" requirements as determined by nonindustrial/nongovernment consultants, and cleanup assurances must be provided by all confined animal facilities. Engineers must be licensed in Indiana.

As evidenced by all these rules and regulations, confined animal production is unsustainable and dangerous to the environment and health.

I urge IDEM to take a more active role in developing sustainable, humane farming practices in Indiana.

Sincerely, Reverend Marian Patience Harvey



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